



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

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Kris Carre, EPA Tribal Coordinator  
USEPA Region 10  
805 SW Broadway, Suite 500  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Ms. Carre,

We are writing to express the Yakama Nation's support for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's 2010 EPA General Assistance Program (GAP) proposal. We understand that the Commission is applying for a renewal of their GAP grant and we strongly urge you to approve this renewal.

Watershed restoration is a high priority of the Yakama Nation. Continuing to increase the scientific and technical capacity of the tribes will help us to achieve this end. This increased technical capacity aids the tribes in their efforts to fulfill the goals of the tribal restoration plan, *Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit*, Spirit of the Salmon. In addition, ongoing support in funding, coordination, partnership building, project development and community outreach and education, have contributed significantly to our watershed and water quality restoration efforts over the last four years.

As our salmon runs continue to decline, it is more important than ever that we draw on state-of-the-art science to return our watersheds to the healthy, functioning ecosystems that they once were. The Commission's work under the GAP funding helps us continue to increase the technical capacity of the tribes in order to do accomplish this goal.

Watershed restoration is a critical component of salmon recovery. This program offers EPA an opportunity to assist the Yakama Nation, as well as the other three Columbia River treaty tribes, in achieving our goal of restoring healthy and abundant salmon populations to the Columbia River Basin.

Sincerely,

Ralph Sampson, Jr.  
Chairman, Yakama Tribal Council

RESOLUTION NO. 11,055

**WHEREAS,** The Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon supports the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's use of United States Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program (GAP) funds to provide technical assistance to the tribe, consistent with the Tribal Restoration Plan, *Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit*, in order to restore anadromous fish in the Columbia River Basin; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon supports the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission receiving funds through the GAP grant program to continue the planning coordination, and implementation of *Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit* and to assist in the identification, solicitation and procurement of funds for the tribal restoration program and *Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit*; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon supports the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to apply for and receive GAP funds for FY 2010; now, therefore,


**BE IT RESOLVED,** By the (Twenty-Fourth) Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (d) of the Constitution and By-Laws that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to submit a grant proposal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program for FY 2010 to be used to develop tribal capacity to plan, coordinate, and implement watershed and habitat restoration activities.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, hereby certifies that the Tribal Council is composed of 11 members of whom 9 constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009; and that the foregoing resolution was passed by the affirmative vote of 8 members, the Chairman not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Charles R. Calica  
Secretary-Treasurer

NOTED: APR 16 2009

  
Paul W. Young  
Superintendent

Attachment: Exhibit "A"

cc: Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent

Administrative Services Center

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